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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division

State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze Program Periodic Progress Report

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R. S. 30:2001 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Assessment, Air Planning and Assessment Division, will submit a proposed revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Regional Haze Program as required under the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part C, Section 169, and 40 CFR Part 51.308. Regional haze is visibility impairment caused by the cumulative air pollutant emissions from numerous sources over a wide geographic area. (1807Pot1)

On December 21, 2017, pursuant to the CAA, the US Environmental Protection Agency finalized the SIP revisions that addressed the requirements to prevent any future and remedy any existing anthropogenic impairment of visibility in mandatory Class I areas (national parks and wilderness areas) caused by emissions of air pollutants from numerous sources located over a wide geographic area. Following this approval, the LDEQ is required to provide an evaluation of the reasonable progress goal. The state has determined that the existing plan requires no further substantive revision.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the SIP revision no later than 4:30 p.m., September 4, 2018, to Vivian H. Aucoin, Office of Environmental Assessment, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314, Fax (225) 219-3482, or e-mail at vivian.aucoin@la.gov. A public hearing will be held upon request. The deadline for requesting a public hearing is August 3, 2018.

A copy of the proposal may be viewed on the LDEQ website or at LDEQ headquarters at 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

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